

# A List of the Birds of Banguey, Balambangan and Mallewalle Islands, British North Borneo

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The dates 1885, 1889 and 1894 indicate records included in the papers by Guillemard, Everett and Sharpe published in those years. (*vide* p. 4).

Visual records made by us in 1927 are indicated by a cross: "1927" means that specimens were collected on the islands by us in that year.

There is nothing remarkable in the avifauna which, as might be expected from the geographical situation (*vide* p. 2) is essentially that of the lowlands of North Borneo.

Only two species, the megapode and *Ptilinopus melanospila*, are found which are not known from the mainland of Borneo.

In two species, *Treron curvirostra* and *Ducula aenea*, the island forms, if not those inhabiting Balabac and Palawan, are nearer to them than to the Bornean race. But these races of *Treron* and *Ducula* are very near to the forms inhabiting Borneo.

*Chalcites xanthorhynchus bangueyensis*, *Rhinomyias olivacea perolivacea* and *Pycnonotus plumosus insularis* are based on specimens from Balambangan and Banguey, but none of these can yet be regarded as peculiar to the islands.

*Aplonis panayensis heterochlorus* is a thin race based on large average size and robust bill, characters shown by the species on other islands in Malaysia.

*Meiglyptes tukki pulonis*, *Mixornis gularis argentea* and *Dissemurus paradisicus banguey* seem to be confined to the islands.

It can be said that the avifauna of the group is almost entirely Bornean. It shows, however, a slight tendency to internal differentiation and there is a small non-Bornean element, derived from the adjacent Philippine Islands. But this last is not a non-Malaysian factor because Balabac, Palawan and Cagayan Sulu, although politically Philippine, are faunistically part of a province of the Malaysian sub-region.

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Dr. F. H. H. Guillemard seems to have been the first naturalist to collect on any of the islands.\* In 1883 the Yacht "Marchesa" visited Banguey chiefly for the purpose of watering and a few birds were obtained and recorded as:—

*Dissemurus brachyphorus* (= *D. paradiseus banguey*).

*Aethopyga siparaja*

*Cittocincla stricklandi*

*Chalcophaps indica*.

A. H. Everett landed on Banguey in 1886† and collected several birds recorded by him in 1889‡: all were additions to Guillemard's short list:—

*Copsychus amoenus* (= *C. saularis niger*).

*Chloropsis cyanopogon*

*Carpophaga aenea* (= *Ducula a. palawanensis*).

*Treron nasica* (= *T. curvirostra erimacra*).

*Ptilopus melanocephalus* (= *Ptilinopus melanospila bangueyensis*).

But either Everett or his collectors must have visited the island again—a very likely proceeding for Everett was a Government official in North Borneo and at one time lived in Kudat. Unfortunately no account of his Banguey collections has ever been published and to bring together the scattered references would be a long task.

A skin of *Copsychus* in the British Museum from Banguey is labelled Feb. 1887; and in 1894§ Sharpe recorded a species (*Motacilla ocularis*) from the island, not mentioned in Everett's list of 1889.

Neither Balambangan nor Mallewallé seem to have been collected on previously, although at least one early visitor to Balambangan appears to have had the instincts of a naturalist.¶

\*F. H. H. Guillemard, "Cruise of the 'Marchesa' to Kamschatka and New Guinea", 1886, Vol. II, p. 106 and Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1885, p. 106.

†Ibis, 1886, p. 525.

‡Journ. Straits Branch Roy. Asiat. Soc., No. 20, 1889, pp. 91—212 and map.

§Ibis, 1894, p. 540.

¶Report made to the Chief and Council of Balambangan, by Lieut. James Barton, of his several surveys, in A. Dalrymple's "Oriental Repertory" Vol. II, pp. 9—32.

	Banguey	Balam- bangan	Mallewallé
1. <i>Megapodius nicobariensis cumingi</i>	1927	1927	+ *
2. <i>Treron curvirostra erimacra</i> ...	1889	1927	
3. <i>Treron fulvicollis baramensis</i> ...	1927	1927	
4. <i>Treron vernans griseicapilla</i> ...	1927	1927	
5. <i>Ptilinopus melanospila bangueyensis</i> ...	1889	1927	
6. <i>Ducula aenea palawanensis</i> ...	1889	+	+
7. <i>Streptopelia chinensis tigrina</i> ...	1927	+	
8. <i>Chalcophaps indica indica</i> ...	1885	+	+
9. <i>Charadrius apricarius fulvus</i> ...		1927	
10. <i>Charadrius leschenaulti</i> ...		1927	
11. <i>Charadrius mongolus mongolus</i>	1927	1927	
12. <i>Charadrius alexandrinus peroni</i> ...		1927	
13. <i>Numenius phaeopus variegatus</i> ...		1927	
14. <i>Tringa totanus</i> subsp. ...		+	
15. <i>Tringa hypoleucos</i> ...	+	1927	+
16. <i>Burhinus neglectus</i> ...		+	
17. <i>Ardea sumatrana sumatrana</i> ...	1927	+	
18. <i>Demigretta sacra sacra</i> ...	1927	1927	
19. <i>Fregata ariel ariel</i> ...		1927	+
20. <i>Cuculus leucogaster leucogaster</i>	+	1927	
21. <i>Haliastur indus intermedius</i> ...	+	+	
22. <i>Coryll's galgulus galgulus</i> ...	1927		
23. <i>Batrachostomus affinis</i> ...	1927		
24. <i>Eurystomus orientalis orientalis</i> ...	1927		
25. <i>Eurystomus orientalis calonyx</i> ...		1927	
26. <i>Ramphocyon capensis</i> subsp. ...	+	+	
27. <i>Ceyx erithacus motleyi</i> ...	1927		
28. <i>Haleyon chloris cyanescens</i> ...	1927	+	
29. <i>Caprimulgus macrurus macrurus</i>	1927	+	
30. <i>Hirundapus leucopygialis</i> ...	+		
31. <i>Collocalia</i> sp. ...	+	+	
32. <i>Hemiprocne longipennis harterti</i>	1927	1927	
33. <i>Chalcites xanthorhynchus bangueyensis</i> ...	1927		
34. <i>Rhinortha chlorophæa chlorophæa</i>	1927		
35. <i>Phoenicophaps curvirostris borneensis</i> ...	1927		
36. <i>Dryobates moluccensis moluccensis</i> ...		1927	
37. <i>Meiglyptes tristis micropterus</i> ...	1927		
38. <i>Meiglyptes tukki pulonis</i> ...	1927		

\*One of our collectors said he saw Megapodes on Mallewallé.

	Banguay	Balam- bangan	Mallewallé
39. <i>Dryocopus javensis javensis</i> ...	1927		
40. <i>Hirundo rustica gutturalis</i> ...	+	+	
41. <i>Hirundo javanica abbotti</i> ...		+	
42. <i>Cyornis rufigastra rufigastra</i> ...	1927	1927	1927
43. <i>Muscitrea grisola subsp.</i> ...	1927	1927	+
44. <i>Hypothymis azurea prophata</i> ...	1927	1927	
45. <i>Rhipidura javanica longicauda</i> ...	1927	1927	+
46. <i>Rhinomyias olivacea perolivacea</i> ...	1927	1927	
47. <i>Coracina sumatrensis sumatrensis</i> ...	1927		
48. <i>Lalage nigra schisticeps</i> ...	1927	1927	
49. <i>Aegithina viridissima viridissima</i> ...	1927		
50. <i>Aegithina tiphia viridis</i> ...	1927	1927	
51. <i>Chloropsis cyanopogon cyanopogon</i> ...	1889		
52. <i>Iole olivacea charlottæ</i> ...	1927		
53. <i>Pycnonotus plumosus insularis</i> ...	1927	1927	1927
54. <i>Pycnonotus brunneus brunneus</i> ...	1927		
55. <i>Pycnonotus simplex perplexus</i> ...		1927	
56. <i>Pellorneum capistratum morrelli</i> ...	1927		
57. <i>Aethostoma rostrata macroptera</i> ...	1927		
58. <i>Cyanoderma erythroptera bicolor</i> ...	1927		
59. <i>Mixornis gularis argentea</i> ...	1927		1927
60. <i>Copsychus saularis niger</i> ...	1889	1927	1927
61. <i>Kittacincla stricklandi stricklandi</i> ...	1885	1927	+
62. <i>Orthotomus ruficeps sericeus</i> ...	1927	1927	
63. <i>Orthotomus sepium borneoensis</i> ...	1927	1927	
64. <i>Phylloscopus borealis</i> ...	1927		
65. <i>Hemipus hirundinaceus</i> ...	1927		
66. <i>Dissemurus paradiseus banguay</i> ...	1885	1927	
67. <i>Oriolus xanthonotus consobrinus</i> ...	1927		1927
68. <i>Artamus leucorhynchus leucorhynchus</i> ...	1927	1927	
69. <i>Aplonis panayensis heterochlorus</i> ...	1927	1927	+
70. <i>Munia fuscans</i> ...	1927		
71. <i>Motacilla "ocularis"</i> ...	1894*		
72. <i>Aethopyga siparaja siparaja</i> ...	1885		
73. <i>Leptocoma jugularis ornata</i> ...	+	1927	
74. <i>Anthreptes malaccensis bornensis</i> ...	1927	1927	1927
75. <i>Dicaeum cruentatum nigrimentum</i> ...	1927	1927	
76. <i>Dicaeum trigonostigma dayakana</i> ...	1927	1927	
77. <i>Chalcoparia singalensis borneana</i> ...	1927		

\*Moulton does not include *ocularis* in his List of Bornean birds (Journ. Straits Branch, Roy. Asiatic Soc., No. 67, 1914, pp. 126—191) although it has been recorded from Baram by A. H. Everett. (Ibis, 1890, p. 465). Moulton's "*M. lugens*" (ibid. cit. p. 174) requires re-examination.